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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT CCGDFOURTEEN HONOLULU HI INFO JCS
WASHDC SECSTATE WASHDC FROM COMDT COGARD WASHDC 09 DEC 74
(091330Z DEC 74):

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G-CCS TO DCS

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PHIL LORAN-A OPS

A. YOUR 280124Z NOV 74 NOTAL

B. MY 261415Z NOV 74

C. YOUR LTR 5713/3262 OF 28 JUN 74 NOTAL

D. SECSTATE 265418/032237Z DEC 74 PASEP

1. USG HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE, DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS, TO OBTAIN
FIRM AND FORMAL AGREEMENT FROM GOP TO OPERATE LORAN-A STATIONS
THROUGH 31 DEC 77, OR OBTAIN STATEMENT FROM GOP WHETHER THEY
WOULD REQUIRE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND EXTENT OF SUCH SUPPORT. GOP
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HAS INDICATED, HOWEVER, TO US EMBASSY MANILA THAT IT WILL BE READY

AND ABLE TO ASSUME FULL OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER 31 DEC 74, ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

2. ANTICIPATING THAT SOME SUPPORT WOULD BE NECESSARY, WE REQUESTED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH YOU PROVIDED IN REFERENCE C, AND HAVE REVIEWED THEM. HOWEVER, IN ABSENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL INDICATION FROM GOP THAT IT REQUIRES CONTINUED ASSISTANCE BEYOND 31 DEC 74, THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO DISESTABLISH LORTAD AT THAT TIME.

3. IT IS NOW TIMELY FOR THE COGARD TO ENGAGE IN AGENCY-TO-AGENCY DISCUSSIONS TO FORMULATE PROCEDURES WHEREBY PCG CAN ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITIES, OBTAIN SPARE PARTS AND OBTAIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE USCG AS MAY FROM TIME-TO-TIME BE REQUIRED AND REQUESTED.

4. REALIZING, AS CITED IN REFERENCE A, THAT MECHANISM ALREADY EXISTS FOR PCG TO OBTAIN SPARE PARTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, AND THAT DECISION TO DISCONTINUE LORTAD ON 31 DEC 74 HAS BEEN MADE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE PCG OFFICIALS WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED:

A. ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING SPARE PARTS DOCUMENTS, TO ASSURE VALIDITY AND ACCURACY, THROUGH YOUR OFFICE, OR AN ACTIVITY UNDER YOUR COMMAND. SPARE PARTS ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CG SUPCEN BROOKLYN ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. SUGGEST POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS BE MMD MANILA, AS WELL AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR DELIVERY AND PICKUP.

B. SINCE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND SYSTEM OPERATION IS OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN AND IS HIGHLIGHTED BY AWARENESS OF LIMITATIONS OF PCG ON THE ONE HAND, AND GOP INDICATIONS OF READINESS TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE OTHER, FOR THE NEAR TERM IT IS PRUDENT TO:

1) ASSUME THAT OUR PAST TRAINING OF PCG TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AT GOVSL HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE.

2) ASSUME THAT THE LORAN-A TRAINING FACILITY ESTABLISHED BY USCG/PCG IS FUNCTIONING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE ON-GOING TRAINING TO PCG PERSONNEL.

3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE USCG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON-CALL FROM PCG, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THIS ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE TO COME FROM YOUR RESOURCES, AT LEAST FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SUFFICIENT TO OBTAIN AN INDICATION OF FREQUENCY OF WHICH YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THIS REGARD, COMDT RECOGNIZES THE PROBABLE NEED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AUGMENT YOUR RESOURCES WHEN SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

C. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES WHEREBY PCG CAN PROCESS REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE HANDLED AS IN PARA 4A ABOVE.

5. AS YOU NOTED, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE GOP MAY BE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO REIMBURSE FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES. IF SO ADVISED IT IS OUR INTENT TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE FULLY WITH THE DOS AND DOD IN AN

EFFORT TO:

A. RE-AFFIRM WITH DOD THE NEED FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE ENTIRE LORAN-A COMPLEX IN THE PHILIPPINES.

B. EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR UNBUDGETED RESOURCES.

6. IF AGREEMENT REACHED ALONG LINES OF PARA 4, REQUEST YOU INFORM COMDT AS SOON AS EXPERIENCE IS SUFFICIENT TO GIVE ACCURATE INDICATION OF DEGREE OF SUCCESS BEING ACHIEVED, AND OF IMPACT ON DISTRICT PERSONNEL RESOURCES. IF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS CANNOT BE REACHED, SUSPEND DISCUSSION WITH PCG AND REPORT DETAILS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, TO COMDT.

7. OUR OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PHILIPPINE LORAN-A COMPLEX MUST BE UPHELD. TO THIS END, AND UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE GOP/PCG SITUATION, HOPEFULLY FORTHCOMING FROM MANILA IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, WE ARE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING LIMITS ON USCG RESOURCES THAT COULD BE EMPLOYED. HQ IS PREPARED TO FUND FOR TRAVEL BY YOUR STAFF WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOP. REQUEST FUNDS AND PROVIDE COST ESTIMATES BY MSG OR BY TELEPHONE TO COMDT G-WAN.
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